(b) The number of passengers carried by Air India and Indian Airlines during the last three years was as under:

	Air India	Indian Airlines
1990-91	21,61,364	78,65,819
1989-90	22,46,204	98,48,985
1988-89	21,22,573	1,01,09,697

Setting up of Airport at Sibsagar, Assam

740. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for setting up of an airport at Sibsagar, Assam;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) The National Airports Authority has no plan to construct any new airport in Sibsagar, Assam.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Traffic potential commercial viability of the operations availability of resources and their development fleet availability and plan of operation of scheduled airlines, are the factors relevant to determine requirement of construction of a new airport. Sibsagar does not satisfy the critera hence there are no plans to construct a new airport there.

Operation of East West Airlines from Bombay

741. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have permitted the East West Airlines to operate from Bombay;

(b) what are the routes permitted for this private Airlines;

(c) what is the number of Boeings and Airbuses that have been permitted to fly by this company; and

(d) whether the operation of Indian Airlines will be affected thereby?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Air Taxi Operators are free to operate to any airport open to scheduled operation in the country. East-West Airlines has recently obtained a permit to operate Air Taxi services and has presently one Boeing-737 aircraft.

(d) No, Sir.

Circuits-cum-destinations in the country

742. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:
SHRI P. UPENDRA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 153 given in the Rajya Sabha on 2-12-91 and state:

(a) whether Government have identified new circuits-cum-destinations in the country for special development of tourism;

(b) if so, names of these circuits-cum-destinations; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to develop these circuits-cum-destinations to attract foreign tourists?